

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LONDON 20375 161905Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00
PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /040 W
----- 032261 /12

R 161818Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8852
INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

CONFIDENTIAL LONDON 20375

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PINS, IN
SUBJECT: OPPOSITION MOVEMENT IN INDIA

REFERENCE: NEW DELHI 18006

1. ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT RECEIVE STATE 302523, WE THOUGHT NEW DELHI'S REPLY IN REFTEL WORTH MENTIONING TO THE FCO AND INFORMED O'NEILL, HEAD OF THE FCO SOUTH ASIA DEPARTMENT, IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE ASSESSMENT IN THE ECONOMIST ARTICLE. O'NEILL READILY AGREED WITH EMBASSY NEW DELHI PARTICULARLY WITH THE SUSPICION THAT THE ARTICLE SMACKED OF TYPICAL EMIGRE REPORTING. HE THOUGHT THAT THE ECONOMIST'S REPORTING ON SOUTH ASIA HAD DECLINED IN ACCURACY IN RECENT YEARS. HE SAID THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAS NOT YET MENTIONED THE ARTICLE TO HIM, BUT IF IT DID HE WOULD BE INCLINED TO REPLY, "HOW CAN YOU EXPECT JOURNALISTS TO REPORT ACCURATELY ON THE SITUATION IN INDIA IF YOU WON'T LET THEM IN."

2. EMBASSY LONDON COMMENT: WE HAVE RECENTLY REPORTED THE DECLINE IN LOCAL PRESTIGE OF THE ECONOMIST'S REPORTING ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AND O'NEILL'S STATEMENT SUGGESTS THAT THIS EXTENDS TO SOUTH ASIA AS WELL. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ECONOMIST'S SOMETIMES

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LONDON 20375 161905Z

GLIB PRONOUNCEMENTS IN SUCH AREAS DO NOT REFLECT BRITISH GOVERNMENT THINKING.

SPIERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL STABILITY, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS, OPPOSITION PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LONDON20375
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760464-0108
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761237/aaaabfzr.tel
Line Count: 59
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 NEW DELHI 18006
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 MAY 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <13 SEP 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OPPOSITION MOVEMENT IN INDIA
TAGS: PINS, IN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006